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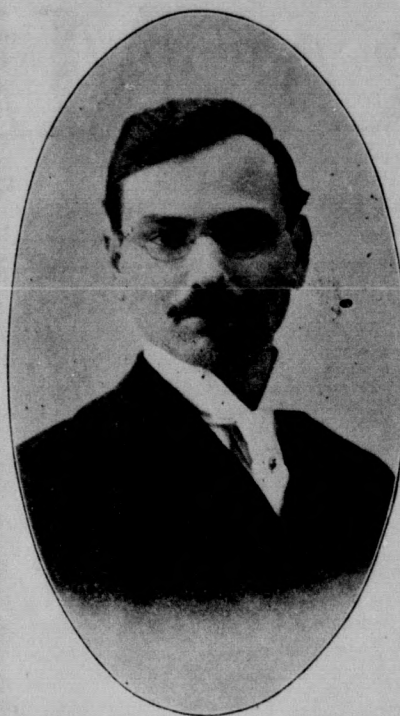
E. E. Hastings spent Sunday in  
Sierra Madre as the guest of friends.  
Miss Celia Perry of Los Angeles  
was a week end guest at the home of  
Miss Etta Dickson.Mrs. L. E. Lyon and Miss Hattie  
Marvin left early in the week for Chi-  
cago where they will spend the sum-  
mer.Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hoffman of West  
Central avenue were dinner guests at  
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dietz  
Tuesday night.Mr. George Humphries and daugh-  
ter, Miss Dorothy Humphries, are en-  
joying a week at their summer cot-  
tage at Oceanside.Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bumer have  
returned from a fortnight's visit at the  
home of Mr. and Mrs. William Larned  
Thacher of Nordhoff.Mrs. Lydia Anderson and Miss Mar-  
guerite Anderson are occupying a cot-  
tage at Long Beach which they have  
rented for the summer.Miss Emma Driffl and Mr. Harry  
Staples of Oxnard were guests at the  
home of the latter's mother, Mrs.  
Alice M. Staples, on Sunday.Prof. Edward Shepardson and family,  
of the state normal school, Los An-  
geles, are week end guests at the home  
of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lanphear of Live  
Oak avenue.Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Newlin and Miss  
Newlin of San Francisco, former resi-  
dents of Sierra Madre, were guests at  
the home of Prof. and Mrs. E. T.  
Pierce, Wednesday.Mrs. Holland who has been spend-  
ing several weeks at the home of her  
daughter, Mrs. C. W. Jones, has gone  
to Des Moines, Iowa, to attend the  
Baptist convention.Mrs. John T. Mason, Miss Katharine  
Mason, Mrs. George H. Lettau and  
Miss Elizabeth Chesnut attended a re-  
ception given by Mrs. Erasmus Wilson  
recently for Prince and Princess Lazar-  
ovich.Mrs. Caldwell, Moore, Mitchell and  
Rust will be at home to their friends  
the first Thursday in June at the resi-  
dence of Mrs. C. W. Mitchell and the  
second Thursday in June at the home  
of Mrs. O. M. Cadwell.Mrs. O. L. Wade of Indianapolis, In-  
diana, who, with her husband, has been  
the guest of her mother, Mrs. Sara J.  
Gill of Mira Monte Avenue, will remain  
in Sierra Madre two months. Mr. Wade  
returned to the east last week.The neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Louis  
Dietz were entertained on Decoration  
Day at their residence. A gathering of  
about twenty sat down to a porch  
luncheon at two o'clock. The after-  
noon was spent in music and games.Mrs. Frances Wainwright, formerly  
of Sierra Madre, has been transferred  
from the forest service in San Fran-  
cisco to a position with the reclama-  
tion service in Los Angeles, the return  
to Southern California being entirely in  
accord with her tastes.Miss Hilda Humphries has gone as a  
delegate from the California Hospi-  
tal Nurses' Association to the nurses'  
national convention to be held at Chi-  
cago. She will be a guest of her sis-  
ter, Mrs. Julius Fick. Later she will  
visit friends in New York.The Christian Endeavor Society of  
the First Congregational church held  
a box social in the church parlors Fri-  
day night. The boxes containing  
lunches were auctioned off and a fine  
total sum of money was realized. Miss  
Celia Perry of Los Angeles gave some  
very excellent readings.Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Camp enter-  
tained a few friends Saturday evening  
with a charmingly appointed dinner  
party. The table and dining room were  
artistically decorated with pink roses.  
Covers were laid for eleven, the guests  
including Captain and Mrs. J. A. Os-  
good, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hart, Mrs. J.  
Elizabeth Borglum, Miss Annis B. Cor-  
fey and Miss Danet.The boys of the Independent Order  
of Scots were royally entertained by  
Miss Edith Blumer and Miss Florence  
Vannier at the home of the former Fri-  
day evening. A most pleasant time was  
enjoyed with charades and various  
games. Several sections were played  
on the mandolin and guitar by some  
of the boys. After the close of a very  
delightful evening elaborate refresh-  
ments were served. About a dozen  
were present.The ladies of the I. I. C. were enter-  
tained with a sumptuous banquet by  
the husbands of the members at the  
home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Dietz Friday  
night. A mock initiation was given  
by the men of the party which caused  
a great deal of fun. Those present  
were, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dietz, Mr. and  
Mrs. MacDaniels, Mr. and Mrs. J. G.  
Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Coop-  
man, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walker, Mr.  
and Mrs. S. R. Norris, Mr. and Mrs.  
Frank Biederman, Mmes. Costello,  
Hosmer, Merrell, Miss Etta Dickson  
and Gladys Walker.Miss Katharine Mason was hostess  
at a jolly picnic supper given in the  
Little Santa Anita Canon Wednesday  
night. The trip was made in automo-  
biles. A most enjoyable evening was  
spent. The guests were Mr. and Mrs.  
W. J. Lawless, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hallett  
Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ingraham,  
Mr. and Mrs. George Lettau, Dr.  
and Mrs. L. L. Krebs, Mrs. John  
Mason, Misses Katharine Torrance,  
Dorothy Camp, Messrs. Raymond An-  
drews, Fred Hutton, Lawrence Nourse,  
Victor Hill, Louis Torrance, Charles  
Camp, Charles Schwartz, Herbert In-  
graham, Marshall Wright, Los An-  
geles guests were: Mrs. L. O. Swope,  
Misses Margaret, Stela and Sarah  
Swope, Miss Dona Moses, Messrs. John  
Moses and McDaniels, and Miss Eliza-  
beth Chesnut of Platte City, Mo.N. H. Hosmer is making a visit  
with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Staples of  
Oxnard.Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thornburg and  
family of Newhall were in Sierra  
Madre this week.Miss Dorothy Brown of Pasadena  
Hospital staff was the guest of Sierra  
Madre friends this week.The Ancient Priscillas were pleas-  
antly entertained at the home of Mrs.  
G. H. Cornell Tuesday.Mrs. John T. Mason has issued in-  
vitations for bridge, to meet Mrs. George  
H. Lettau and Miss Elizabeth Ches-  
nut.Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Conard gave a  
large tennis party on their elegant  
court Thursday. Tennis was begun at  
ten o'clock and played until noon when  
a picnic lunch was served on the lawn.  
The playing was continued until late  
in the afternoon. About thirty guests  
were present, including a number of  
out of town guests.The Woman's Club house presented  
a brilliant scene last Saturday after-  
noon when one of the largest and most  
elegant receptions ever given in Sierra  
Madre was held by Mmes. O. M. Cad-  
well, A. S. Moore, C. W. Mitchell and  
A. J. Rust. Nearly two hundred guests  
were present in spite of the inclement  
weather. Mrs. George L. Garey was in  
the receiving line with the hostesses.Other ladies who assisted during the  
afternoon were Mmes. William J. Law-  
less, L. L. Krebs, C. H. Baker, W. H.  
Ingraham, G. Hallett Johnson, F. D. R.  
Moore, C. W. Jones and Eleanor Bourne.  
The interior of the club house was a  
wilderness of pink and white roses,  
Shasta daisies and ferns. Large hang-  
ing baskets were suspended from the  
ceiling, while potted palms lined the en-  
trance. The hostesses had as a back-  
ground a solid wall of ferns. Music  
was furnished during the afternoon by  
DeNubila's orchestra and Miss Edith  
Hocken. A talented reader, rendered  
"When Knighthood Was in Flower."Caterers from Pasadena served delect-  
able refreshments in the beautifully  
decorated dining room. A large num-  
ber of Los Angeles and Pasadena la-  
dies were among the guests.

## The Theaters

## BURBANK

The real hit of the Burbank's spring  
season is Hartley Manners' new com-  
edy, "Peg o' My Heart," which had its  
first performance on any stage at the  
Burbank this week with Laurette  
Taylor in the role she will play in the  
New York production of the com-  
edy in the fall, and with Henry Stan-  
ford in the part of Jerry for which he  
has been secured for the Gotham pre-  
sentation of Peg.A second week of "Peg o' My Heart"  
is a simple necessity to take care of  
the crowds that have heard of the  
charm and rare fascination of Mr.  
Manners' new play.The idea that the theater-goer of  
the period wants only those plays  
that have what is popularly termed  
"a punch" and that no comedy can  
succeed that does not include a mis-  
understood wife or husband, is shat-  
tered by the success of "Peg o' My  
Heart."Fashions exist in theatricals as well  
as in wearing apparel or automobiles,  
and the newest fashion in stage per-  
formances seems to be along the lines  
established by "Peg o' My Heart"—a  
simple story well told in a simple,  
straightforward way, with adroitly  
drawn characters quite unlike the  
average people seen in plays; a play  
with smiles and laughter that are cal-  
led forth by the quaintness of little  
Peg's clearly defined ideas of life,  
with here and there a touch of real  
pathos that catches a momentarily  
quickened heart throb or the sugges-  
tion of a tear that is instantly and  
happily brushed aside by the laugh-  
ter that follows on the heels of one  
of Peg's flashes of Celtic wit.

## BELASCO

Walter Bynner's new play, "His  
Father's House," with Lewis S. Stone,  
Muriel Starr and the other members  
of the Belasco company in the cast,  
will have its first production on any  
stage Monday night at the Belasco.  
The play is based on "The Road to  
Damascus," by H. A. Mitchell-Keays.  
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ist whose writings have brought to  
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a free country. Friend—Well, isn't it?  
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who will speak at the club house Sun-  
day afternoon. Subject: "Two Salva-  
tions but no second chance."

## HOW TO MAKE A GOOD LAWN

Select Day When Wind Will Not Blow  
Seed.There is surely nothing more beau-  
tiful than a fine green lawn and really  
not so difficult a thing to obtain if gone  
about in the right way.The proper way to start is after the  
lawn has been graded to put in it a top  
soil of at least six inches and have a  
gradual sloping grade for drainage, or,  
if the ground is low and damp, it will  
be best to lay drain pipes from two to  
three feet below its surface.Soil that is rich is very often acid,  
which can be corrected by applying air  
slaked lime in sufficient quantity to  
correct the acidity. With sandy soil  
the question of fertility is of prime im-  
portance, after the grading. The entire  
area should be covered with well rotted  
manure. Where this is not possible a  
chemical fertilizer should be used. After  
this fertilizer has thoroughly mel-  
lowed the soil and a smooth surface  
has been secured it is then time to sow.A day should be selected when the  
wind will not blow the seed. In an or-  
dinary open lawn a good mixture is  
Pod pratensis mixed with Agrostis  
acutissima. For under the trees where it  
is difficult to secure any kind of a lawn  
the ground should be covered with  
myrtle or hederia ivy. After the seed  
has been sown the ground should be  
raked and gone over with a heavy  
roller until perfectly level.When the grass is three to four in-  
ches high it should be cut with a scythe  
until strong enough to bear the mow-  
er. Should any bare spots appear  
these must be made mellow and again  
seeded down.The best season for making a lawn  
is immediately after the spring rains  
and before the heat of the summer  
tends to dry out the ground.In the treatment of old lawns that  
have become poor through a lack of  
fertility the best and in the end the  
cheapest thing to do is to plow them  
up and cover with manure and con-  
struct about the same as a new lawn.  
A lawn requires the use of a heavy  
roller in the spring after the early  
rains and again about June and Sep-  
tember.During the summer dry spell, when  
the lawn is built shallow or with in-  
sufficient drainage, it must be watered  
artificially. Other than the usual cut-  
ting with the lawn mowers there is no  
other care necessary unless it should  
be covered in December with manure  
and after the spring rains have washed  
the nutriment into the soil to have this  
manure removed.

## DANGEROUS POISON IVY.

How to Tell This Plant From Virginia  
Creepers.A correspondent writes that he was  
recently poisoned by mistaking poison  
ivy for Virginia creeper. He asks if  
we can tell him how to tell one plant  
from the other.It is the easiest thing in the world  
to do this. Poison Ivy has a three  
parted leaf, ampelopsis or Virginia  
creeper a five parted leaf. The latter  
is of rampant climbing habit.Poison Ivy seldom grows to a greater  
height than three feet. It may over-  
run an old stump or a heap of stones  
and have the appearance of being a  
vine, but a close examination will  
show you that it does not really climb.It generally makes a bushy growth,  
sending up a mass of slender stems  
from its spreading roots and covering  
a considerable amount of space.If one studies the structure of the  
peculiarities of the two plants it will be  
impossible to mistake one for the other.Some persons complain that they  
find it difficult to exterminate poison  
ivy. They mow it down and in a little  
while it sprouts and before long there  
is more of it than ever.It cannot be killed by simply mow-  
ing it. But if after mowing it the  
ground in which it grows is sprinkled  
with kerosene and burnt over it is not a  
difficult thing to kill. All the roots  
may not be killed with one application  
however.If some of them send up sprouts cut  
these off close to the ground and pour  
kerosene over the stub and about it,  
enough to saturate the soil well. This  
will generally put an end to the nu-  
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## SYNOPSIS

Although a good scholar, Elnora Comstock, entering high school, is ashamed by her country dress. She needs \$20 for books and tuition fees. Her mother is unsympathetic, and Elnora tells her troubles to Wesley Sinton, an old neighbor.

## CHAPTER II.

Wherein is Told Something of Elnora's Family History.

DOWN the long corridor alone among hundreds, down the long street alone among thousands, out into the country she came at last. She sat on a log and began to sob in spite of her efforts at self control. At first it was physical breakdown, later thought came crowding. She must go home to feed chickens, calves and pigs, wear calico and coarse shoes and pass a library with averted head all her life. She sobbed again.

"For pity's sake, honey, what's the matter?" asked the voice of the nearest neighbor, Wesley Sinton, as he seated himself by Elnora. "There, there," he continued, smearing tears all over her face in an effort to dry them. "Was it so bad as that, now? Maggie has been just about wild over you all day. She's got nervous every minute. She said we were foolish to let you go. She said your clothes were not right and that they would laugh at you. Were your things right, Elnora?" The girl broke into hysterical laughter. "Right!" she cried. "Right! Uncle Wesley, you should have seen me among them! I was a picture! They'll never forget me. No, they won't get the chance, for they'll see the same things tomorrow!"

"Now, that is what I call spunk, Elnora. Downright grit," said Wesley Sinton. "Don't you let them laugh you out. You've helped Margaret and me for years at harvest and busy times. What you've earned must amount to quite a sum. You can get yourself a good many clothes with it."

"Don't mention clothes, Uncle Wesley," sobbed Elnora. "I don't care now how I look. If I don't go back all of them will know it's because I am so poor I can't buy my books."

"Oh, I don't know as you are so poor," said Sinton meditatively. "There are 300 acres of good land, with fine timber as ever grew on it."

"It takes all we can earn to pay the tax, and mother wouldn't cut a tree for her life."

"Well, then, maybe I'll be compelled to cut one for her," suggested Sinton. "Anyway, stop tearing yourself to pieces and tell me. If it isn't clothes, what is it?"

"It's books and tuition. Over \$20 in all."

"Humph! First time I ever knew you to be stumped by \$20, Elnora," said Sinton, patting her hand.

"It's the first time you ever knew me to want money," answered Elnora. "This is different from anything that ever happened to me. Oh, how can I get M. Uncle Wesley?"

"Drive to town with me in the morning and I'll draw it from the bank for you. I owe you every cent of it."

"You know you don't owe me a penny, and I wouldn't touch one from you unless I really could earn it. For anything that's past I owe you and Aunt Margaret for all the home life and love I've ever known. I know how you work, and I'll not take your money."

"Just a loan, Elnora; just a loan for a little while until you can earn it. You can be proud with all the rest of the world, but there's no secrets between us. Is there, Elnora?"

"No," said Elnora. "There are none. You and Aunt Margaret have given me all the love there has been in my life. That is the one reason above all others why you shall not give me charity. I won't touch your money, but I'll win some way. First I'm going home and try mother. It's just possible I could find secondhand books, and perhaps all the tuition need not be paid at once. Maybe they would accept it quarterly. But, oh, Uncle Wesley, you and Aunt Margaret keep on loving me. I'm so lonely, and no one else cares."

Wesley Sinton's jaws met with a click. He swallowed hard on bitter words and changed the thing he would have said three times before it became articulate.

"Elnora," he said at last, "if it hadn't been for one thing I'd have tried to take legal steps to make you ours when you were three years old. Maggie said then it wasn't any use, but I've always held on. You see, I was the first man there, honey, and there are things, you see, that you can't ever make anybody else understand. She loved him, Elnora. She just made an idol of him. There was that oozy green hole, with the thick scum broke and two or three big bubbles slowly rising that were the breath of his body. There she was in spasms of agony and beside her the great heavy log she'd tried to throw him. I can't ever forgive her for turning against you and spoiling your childhood as she has, but I couldn't forgive anybody else for abusing her. Maggie has got no mercy on her, but Maggie

didn't see what I did, and I've never tried to make it very clear to her. You be a patient girl and wait a little longer. After all, she's your mother, and you're all she's got but a memory, and it might do her good to let her know that she was fooled in that."

"It would kill her!" cried the girl swiftly. "Uncle Wesley, it would kill her! What do you mean?"

"Nothing," said Wesley Sinton soothingly. "Nothing, honey. That was just one of them fool things a man says when he is trying his best to be wise. You see she loved him mightily, and they'd been married only a year, and what she was loving was what she thought he was. She hadn't really got acquainted with the man yet. If it had been even one more year she could have borne it and you'd have got justice. Having been a teacher, she was better educated and smarter than the rest of us, and so she was more sensitive like. She can't understand she was loving a dream. So I say it might do her good if somebody that knew could tell her, but I swear to gracious I never could. I've heard her out at the edge of that quagmire calling in them wild spells of hers off and on for the last sixteen years and imploring the swamp to give him back to her, and I've got out of bed when I was pretty tired and come down to see she didn't go in herself or harm you. What she feels is too deep for me. I've got to respect her grief, and I can't get over it. Go home and tell your ma, honey, and ask her nice and kind to help you. If she won't, then you got to swallow that little lump of pride in your neck and come to Aunt Maggie, like you been a-coming all your life."

"I'll ask mother, but I can't take your money, Uncle Wesley. Indeed I can't. I'll wait a year and earn some and enter next year."

"There's one thing you don't consider, Elnora," said the man earnestly. "And that's what you are to Maggie. She's a little like your ma. She hasn't given up to it, and she's struggling on brave, but when we buried our second little girl the light went out of Maggie's eyes, and it's not come back. The only time I ever see a hint of it is when she thinks she's done something that makes you happy, Elnora. Now, you go easy about refusing her anything she wants to do for you."

"Uncle Wesley, you are a dear," said Elnora. "Just a dear! If I can't possibly get that money any way else on earth I'll come and borrow it of you, and then I'll pay it back if I dig ferns from the swamp and sell them from door to door in the city. I'll even plant them, so that they will be sure to come up in the spring. I have been sort of panic stricken all day and couldn't think. I can gather nuts and sell them. Freckles sold moths and butterflies, and I've a lot collected. Of course I am going back tomorrow. I can find a way to get the books. Don't you worry about me. I am all right."

As Elnora neared her own door her mother said:

"What kept you so? I expected you an hour ago."

Elnora looked into her mother's face and smiled. It was a queer sort of a little smile and would have reached the depths with any normal mother.

"I see you've been bawling," said Mrs. Comstock. "I thought you'd get your fill in a hurry. That's why I wouldn't go to any expense. If we keep out of the poorhouse we have to cut the corners close. It's likely this

Brushwood road tax will eat up all we've saved in years. Where the land tax is to come from I don't know. It gets bigger every year. If they are going to dredge the swamp ditch again they'll just have to take the land to pay for it. I can't, that's all."

Elnora again smiled that pitiful smile.

"Do you think I didn't know that I was funny and would be laughed at?" she asked.

"Funny!" cried Mrs. Comstock hotly.

"Yes, funny—a regular caricature," answered Elnora. "But there's always two sides. The professor said in the algebra class that he never had a better solution and explanation than mine of the proposition he gave me, which scored one for me in spite of my clothes."

"Well, I wouldn't brag on myself."

"That was poor taste," admitted Elnora; "but, you see, it is a case of whistling to keep up my courage. I honestly could see that I would have

looked just as well as the rest of them if I had been dressed as they were. We can't afford that, so I have to find something else to brace me. It was pretty bad, mother."

"Well, I'm glad you got enough of it!"

"Oh, but I haven't!" hurried on Elnora. "I just got a start. The hardest is over. Tomorrow they won't be surprised. They will know what to expect. I am sorry to hear about the dredge. Is it really going through?"

"Yes, I got my notification today. The tax will be something enormous. I don't know as I can spare you, even if you are willing to be a laughing stock for the town."

"I have had two startling pieces of news today," said Elnora. "I did not know I would need any money. I thought the city furnished the books, and there is an out of town tuition also. I need \$10 in the morning. Will you please let me have it?"

"Ten dollars!" cried Mrs. Comstock. "Ten dollars! Why don't you say a hundred and be done with it? I could get one as easy as the other. I knew what you would run into! But you are so bulldog stubborn and set in your way I thought I would just let you try the world a little and see how you liked it!"

Elnora pushed back her chair and looked at her mother.

"Do you mean to say," she demanded, "that you knew, when you let me go into a city classroom and reveal the fact before all of them, that I expected to have my books handed out to me? Do you mean to say that you knew I had to pay for them?"

Mrs. Comstock evaded the direct question.

"Anybody but an idiot mooning over a book or wasting time prowling the woods would have known you had to pay. Of course, I knew you would come home blubbering! But you don't get a penny! I haven't a cent, and can't get one! Have your way if you are determined, but I think you will find the road pretty rocky."

"Swampy, you mean, mother," corrected Elnora. She arose white and trembling. "Perhaps some day God will teach me how to understand you. He knows I do not now. You can't possibly realize just what you let me go through today, or how you let me go, but I'll tell you this. You understand enough that if you had the money and would offer it to me I wouldn't touch it now. And I'll tell you this much more. I'll get it myself. I'll raise it and do it some honest way. I am going back tomorrow, the next day and the next. You need not come out. I'll do the night work and hoe the turnips."

It was 10 o'clock when the chickens, pigs and cattle were fed, the turnips hoed and a heap of bean vines was stacked by the back door.

Wesley Sinton walked down the road a half mile and turned in at the lane leading to his home. His heart was hot and filled with indignation. He had told Elnora he did not blame her mother, but he did. His wife met him at the door.

"Did you see anything of Elnora, Wesley?" she questioned.

"Most too much, Maggie," he answered. "What do you say to going to town? There's a few things has to be got right away."

"Where did you see her, Wesley?"

"Along the old Limberlost trail, my girl, torn to pieces sobbing. Her courage always has been fine, but the thing she met today was too much for her. We ought to have known better than to let her go that way. I ought to have gone in and seen about this school business. I'm no man to let a fatherless girl run into such trouble. Don't cry, Maggie. Get me some supper and I'll hitch up and see what we can do now."

"What can we do, Wesley?"

"I don't just know. But we've got to do something. Kate Comstock will be a handful, while Elnora will be two, but between us we must see that the girl is not too hard pressed about money and that she is dressed so she is not ridiculous. She's saved us the wages of a woman many a day. Can't you make her some decent dresses Maggie?"

"Well, I'm not just what you call expert, but I could beat Kate Comstock all to pieces. I know that skirts should be plaited to the band instead of gathered and full enough to sit in and short enough to walk in. I could try. There's patterns for sale. Let's go right away, Wesley."

"Well, set me a bite of supper while I hitch up."

They drove toward the city through the beautiful September evening, and as they went they planned for Elnora. The only trouble was not whether they were generous enough to get what she needed, but whether she would accept what they got and what her mother would say.

They went to a large dry goods store, and when a clerk asked what they wanted to see neither of them knew, so they stepped to one side and held a whispered consultation.

"What had we better get, Wesley?"

"Blest if I know!" exclaimed Wesley. "I thought you would manage that. I know about some things I'm going to get."

At that instant several schoolgirls came into the store and approached them.

"There!" exclaimed Wesley breathlessly. "There, Maggie! Like them! That's what she needs! Buy like they have!"

Before she knew it Margaret was among them.

"I beg your pardon, girls, but won't you wait a minute?" she asked.

The girls stopped with wondering faces.

"It's your clothes," explained Mrs.

Sinton. "You look just beautiful to me. You look exactly as I should have wanted to see my girls. They both died of diphtheria when they were little. If they had lived they'd been near your age now, and I'd want them to look like you. I know a girl who would be just as pretty as any of you if she had the clothes, but her mother does not think about her, so I got to mother her some myself."

"She must be a lucky girl," said one girl.

"Oh, she loves me," said Margaret, "and I love her. I want her to look just like you do. Please tell me about your clothes. Are these the dresses and hats you wear to school? What kind of goods are they and where do you buy them?"

The girls began to laugh and cluster around Margaret. Wesley Sinton strode down the store with his head high in pride of her, but his heart was sore over the memory of two little faces under Brushwood sod. He inquired his way to the shoe department.

"Why, every one of us have oningham or linen dresses," they said, "and they are our school clothes."

For a few moments there was a babel of laughing voices explaining to the delighted Margaret that school dresses should be bright and pretty, but simple and plain and until cold weather they should wash.

"I'll tell you," said Ellen Brownlee, "my father owns this store. I know all the clerks. I'll take you to Miss Hartley. You tell her just how much you want to spend and what you want to buy, and she will know how to get the most for your money."

"That's the very thing," agreed Margaret. "But before you go tell me about your hair. Elnora's hair is bright and wavy, but yours is silky as hackled flax. How do you do it?"

"Elnora?" asked four girls in concert.

"Yes; Elnora is the name of the girl I want these things for."

"Did she come to the high school today?" questioned one of them.

"Was she in your classes?" demanded Margaret without reply.

Four girls stood silent and thought fast. Had there been a strange girl among them, and had she been overlooked and passed by with indifference because she was so very shabby? If she had appeared as much better than they as she had looked worse would her reception have been the same?

"There was a strange girl from the country in the freshman class today," said Ellen Brownlee, "and her name was Elnora."

"That was the girl," said Margaret. "Are her people so very poor?" questioned Ellen.

"No, not poor at all, come to think of it," answered Margaret. "It's a peculiar case. Mrs. Comstock had a great trouble, and she let it change her whole life and make a different woman of her. She used to be lovely, but all she does now is droop all day and walk the edge of the swamp half the night and neglect Elnora. If you girls would make life just a little easier for her it would be the finest thing you ever did."

All of them promised they would.

"Now tell me about your hair," persisted Margaret Sinton.

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## BY THE WAY

Brother Dilworth of the Coachella News complains that the price of onions is so low that his constituents do not get fair returns on their crop. Put the price as high as you like, Dilworth. About half the population of the country wouldn't care if the price were made prohibitive to the other half.

W. J. Bryan said the other day he was firmly convinced that there should be a republican party and a democratic party, but he had sometimes thought that there was too many republicans in the republican party. Champ Clark is apt to come to the same conclusion if the democrats substitute a houn' dog for a mule as the party emblem.

The Covina Argus recently printed a finely illustrated "Orange and Water Edition" describing the possibilities of the great citrus section about Covina. It gives the best idea of the Southern California citrus fruit industry which we have seen embodied in one publication.

Pasadena adopted the commission form of government at the special election held last Friday. On Tuesday Los Angeles elected a board of freeholders to draw up a new charter in which the same idea will probably be embodied. Pasadena also took an advanced stand in a number of other matters, such as providing for the direct primary in city elections, twenty-year franchises for street railways, a juvenile court and a special fund for publicity and promotion.

Get the library habit. The number of cardholders at the public library is growing all the time. Are you getting your share of the benefit? If summer days are dull you can find some good reading matter to help pass the time. New books are being added all the time in all departments. The library does not make much noise but it would be sadly missed if it were to be closed. Remember it is open every afternoon and evening except Sunday.

One of the first ordinances passed after the incorporation of Sierra Madre was one prohibiting the use of gasoline or distillate engines without a proper muffler. Perhaps the ordinance is so old that its very age has caused it to be forgotten so completely. So far as we are aware the ordinance makes no distinction between such engines whether stationary or mounted on pneumatic tired wheels and running about the streets. Automobile manufacturers and associations are carrying on a campaign against the indiscriminate use of the muffler cutout. Just why a man who can drive an auto should be permitted to turn it into a fine imitation of a gatling gun when the small boy can't shoot off a fire-cracker in the city limits is difficult to determine.

## A FAIR ANALYSIS

What is the exact strength of the various republican presidential aspirants cannot be told by any one just now, owing to the number of contested and doubtful delegates. Editor Clover of the Pasadena Daily News is a keen political observer, and as a supporter of Hughes for the nomination he may be said to be impartial so far as Taft and Roosevelt are concerned. Following the New Jersey primaries he gives the following analysis of the situation, which appears as fair as any we have seen:

"Again, it is the expected that has happened in New Jersey. Anyone who has followed the daily telegraphed reports of the political meetings in that

state of late could form a pretty accurate opinion as to the relative popularity of the two Republican candidates by noting the large and enthusiastic crowds at the Roosevelt gatherings and the invariably light and apathetic attendance wherever the President spoke. It was a foregone conclusion that this preference would be reflected at the polls Tuesday and the results amply confirm such prognosis. Far from dividing the state Roosevelt appears to have gathered in all the delegates, which means twenty-eight more votes for his column.

"In Texas available returns from the district conventions indicate that Roosevelt will have all thirty-two delegates. The state convention split, Taft men withdrawing when it was found that Roosevelt forces controlled. This leaves the eight delegates at large contested. To Roosevelt's previously instructed 420 delegates now may be added twenty-eight from New Jersey and thirty-two from Texas, giving a total of 480. South Dakota is the only state remaining to declare her preference and Taft is unlikely to make any gains in that direction. If her ten votes should go to Roosevelt and Washington's contested fourteen are conceded to the colonel—the natural procedure—he will then have 504 votes on the first ballot. Allowing Taft all the other contested seats save those of Texas he will muster 501 delegates. It is improbable, however, that the Republican national committee will render all its decisions in his favor. La Follette's thirty-six votes represent the balance of power. They are not likely to go to Taft; they might go to a dark horse—Hughes, for example, as also might Iowa's ten. With Chairman Barnes of New York leading the Taft or, rather, the anti-Roosevelt forces a battle royal may be expected. "Wilson's victory in his home state, together with the clean-cut decision in Texas in his favor again places him well before the convention as a most formidable candidate. If Hughes should be nominated by the Republicans he will, doubtless, head the opposing ticket. If Roosevelt is chosen at Chicago we look to see Bryan's name lead all others at the Baltimore convention or, possibly, Gaynor of New York, in the hope of winning the important electoral votes of the Empire state. No previous quadriennial conventions ever held so much uncertainty of outcome as do the Chicago and Baltimore gatherings at this writing. They offer the champion political prize puzzle of the last half century."

## Doubtful Economy

Hans Schmidt, proprietor of a western Minnesota sawmill, used for fuel the sawdust from the lumber. It cost him nothing, but it kept four men busy shoveling it. Recently he was persuaded to put in a new equipment which would reduce the amount of fuel one-half.

After the machinery had been installed the agent called, expecting to be congratulated. But the German eyed him gloomily.

"Doesn't the new plant do all I claimed?" he asked.

"Yes, but I overlooks somethings," replied Hans.

"What was that?"

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